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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 413
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Head Coach Allen Pavatte and the Covington High School baseball team on becoming the 1999 TSSAA Class AA State Champions.

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this General Assembly should honor those athletic teams whose accomplishments are a source of pride for their respective schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the highly touted Covington High School baseball team is one such athletic squad, which recently lived up to its billing as a baseball powerhouse by capturing the 1999 TSSAA Class AA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 State Champion Chargers impressed everyone as they ended the season with a win in the championship game against a talented Marshall County squad at Chattanooga's Engel Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Drew Parr got the win for the Chargers in the coveted title matchup, beating the tournament-favorite Tigers for the second time in three days to run Covington's final season ledger to a remarkable 31-7; and

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WHEREAS, Parr threw four solid innings and gave up just one run as Covington's defense turned in a sterling performance, stranding 10 Tigers on base during that stretch; and

WHEREAS, good pitching was the theme for Covington throughout state tournament play as Charger hurlers Zach Cook and Joel Posey dominated opposing hitters in the team's first two tournament games; and

WHEREAS, despite trailing Marshall County 3-1 in the bottom of the fourth inning, Covington staged a fierce rally, capped off by a Jon Ashford RBI-single that scored Dabney Maxwell giving the Chargers a 4-3 lead; they scored again in the fifth inning and twice in the sixth inning to build a commanding lead enroute to a 7-4 triumph; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pavatte put the ball in the hands of Cook at the end; the hard-throwing ace of the staff and tournament Most Valuable Player pitched the final three innings, striking out five Tigers in three innings for the save; and

WHEREAS, each member of this fine team made significant contributions to the success the Chargers enjoyed throughout this season, and are to be commended for their outstanding play; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and honor this exemplary team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Allen Pavatte and the Covington High School baseball team on winning the 1999 TSSAA Class AA state championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.